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Andrew

Can we get an update on the building that EPA is looking to clear for use by the Rimrocker historical society in Uravan?

John Whitney

Dear Mr. Whitney:

This is in response to your question, "Can we get an update on the building that EPA is looking to clear for use by the Rimrocker historical society in Uravan?"

First, we would like to clarify that the status of the Uravan Uranium Superfund Site (the Site) under the Superfund program does not prevent the reuse of the remaining building at the Site and is not the cause of the current delay in the transfer of that building to another owner. In fact, if Superfund were the only legal authority at the Site, we would be happy to work with Umetco Minerals Corporation (Umetco is the property owner and responsible party) to allow the reuse of this building prior to EPA's final remedy decision for the Site. We are not aware of any Superfund restriction that would prevent this from occurring.

Here is some additional relevant background information about the Site. EPA is working with stakeholders, including the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), the US Department of Energy (DOE) and Umetco. We believe the majority of the cleanup work at the Site has been completed. We anticipate releasing a proposed plan and opening a public comment period later this year to receive input prior to finalizing a decision on the remaining Superfund work needed at the Site. At this time, we anticipate that the remaining Superfund work needed will consist of establishing institutional, or administrative, controls to ensure the long-term protectiveness of the remedy. Because waste is left in place on the Site, five-year reviews will continue to be conducted as well.

In addition to EPA's involvement at the site under Superfund, there are three other legal mechanisms in effect at the Site. Two of these are the CDPHE Radioactive Materials License and the Consent Decree between the State of Colorado and Umetco. The third is the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act (UMTRCA) administered through the Department of Energy (DOE). For a more complete understanding of these other authorities, we recommend that you contact CDPHE and DOE.

The multiple legal authorities at this Site do make the situation somewhat complex, but we hope this explanation provides some clarity. We appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Date

05/18/17

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